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Ms. Charlee R. Law
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SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST
CASE NUMBER DON-USMC-2017-000489

Dear Ms. Law:

This letter refers to your October 25, 2016, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the investigation associated with "MARFORRES Hotline Case #16294."

As previously stated, your request has been assigned tracking number DON-USMC-2017-000489 by the FOIA online system. Please mention this tracking number in any correspondence regarding your request. You can access the FOIA online system at foiaonline.regulations.gov.

Marine Forces Reserve reviewed 127 pages that are responsive to your request.

After a review, I am compelled to partially deny your request; that is, I have redacted information pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Sections 552(b)(5) & (6). Releasing the redacted information would constitute an improper release of deliberative agency documentation and an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy to individuals whose personal information appears in those records.

In view of the above, you may consider this to be an adverse determination that may be appealed to the Department of the Navy, Judge Advocate General (Code 14), Washington Navy Yard, 1322 Patterson Avenue, SE, Suite 3000, Washington, DC 20374-5066. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. I recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please mail a

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copy of any appeal to the Marine Forces Reserve FOIA Coordinator, 2000 Opelousas Avenue, Building 1, Room 4E5311, New Orleans, LA 70114-1500.

You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Marine Corps FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Sally Hughes, at hqmcfoia@usmc.mil or (703) 614-4008, and/or the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for assistance and/or dispute resolution at ogis@nara.gov or (877) 684-6448. For more information online about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at <https://ogis.archives.gov>.

All fees have been waived in accordance with and as allowed by Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5720.42F. However, fees are assessed on a case-by-case basis, and you may be charged fees on future requests.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at micah.miller@usmc.mil.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure